

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

As a "green thumb" enthusiast who has become somewhat jaded over the years, autumn never arrives too soon for me. Frankly, it's the only time of year that everybody else's yards start to look like our place, which is known in better homes and gardening circles as "Withering Heights."

This year's "fatalities," incidentally, included 13 shrubs of the tam juniper variety (six others are on the critical list) two unidentified plants which looked suspiciously like ragweed, and one rose bush. Even a plastic calla lily, which I stuck into the ground in desperation, melted.

At this stage of the game I would even welcome a few self-respecting weeds which we used to have before we hired a professional gardener to spray them. I don't know what he used, but I have a hunch it's the same poison that Rachel Carson wrote about in "Silent Spring."

They tell me not to worry about the two "giant" redwood trees we planted in the corner of the backyard five years ago, because they are traditionally slow growers. But in about 175 years (about the same time the mortgage is paid off) they should be the biggest attraction in the neighborhood. However, I can't help but be a little concerned about them, because the two broomsticks being used to prop them up appear to be gaining on them.

The remainder of the trees (or are they shrubs; it's hard to differentiate) seem to be holding their own. Never die, but never grow an inch. In fact, we still believe that we have developed soil conditions ideal for Bonsai dwarf horticulture.

We solved the non-growing front lawn problem some time ago (would you believe that we were the only people west of the Mississippi who DIDN'T have to fight crabgrass?) by having the entire front covered with decorative pebbles. Now I have an uncanny feeling that, just like the two broomsticks, they're growing too, because some of the pebbles seem to be as large as rocks.

Of course, right now, according to all of the gardening manuals, we should be preparing the soil to plant bulbs for spring. How, by dynamite? And what to plant bulbs for spring. How, by dynamite? And what to plant? Perhaps something on the order of toadstools or lichen and moss, which do well on the north side of rocks.

In the meantime about the only consolation I have this time of year is being able to hold my head up high as I stand in front of our house and point out that "Mother Nature's paint-brush has been busy painting the landscape with glorious golds and splendid yellow yellows."

Only a professional gardener would know for sure that in our case those gorgeous golds and yellow colors seen in our plants are permanent.

Party Given For Girls at Las Palmas

Ghosts from television haunted the Garnet Cottage at Las Palmas School for Girls last week when the Redondo Beach Dianias hold their annual Halloween Party for the girls. Mrs. Christ Saunders, chairman, said the club furnished food and decorations to carry out a ghostly theme. The theme of the costume party was ghostly characters from television. This is the fourth year that the Dianias have sponsored this cottage.

Members of the Marina District Federated Club assisting with the party were Mrs. Herbert Coles, Howard Towle, Wayne Smock, Donald Condie, Ray Shortridge, Dino Ruffoni and Phil MacBride.



FRENCH FOL-DE-ROL PLANNED

Women of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1432 Engracia Ave., are shown getting material ready for Saturday's fall bazaar with a French theme, the "Fol-De-Rol." From left are Mrs. Ross Joss, dinner menu chairman; Mrs. Robert Wells, baked goods and toys chairman; Mrs. D. A. Murphy, gifts chairman; and Mrs. Keith Pischel, general chairman.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Halldale Avenue PTA is having a "Back to School" night on Nov. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m., for adults only. There will be three 20-minute sessions in each classroom so parents may attend each of their children's classes. Procedure and Curriculum will be explained and discussed by the teachers.

There will be a short association meeting after the classroom sessions and refreshments will be served following the meeting. The executive board will meet on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 9:30 a.m. in the school auditorium.

Home for Weekend

Janet Lemen, a student at California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks, spent the Halloween weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lemen and brother Lyle at 2721 Andreo Ave. She had as her houseguest her college roommate, Jerelyn Johnson, of Scottsdale, Ariz.

St. Andrew's Women Plan Bazaar With French Theme

The atmosphere of a French village will be created at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Saturday when the Women of St. Andrew's presents its annual fall bazaar under the theme, "French Fol-De-Rol."

Booths offering a wide assortment of gifts, games, and foodstuffs will be placed throughout the garden patio, nursery, parish hall, and education hall at the church at 1432 Engracia Ave. The affair will begin at 2 p.m., according to Mrs. Don B. Wolf, publicity chairman for the women.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Dinner tickets are available at the church office.

Planned for the event Saturday will be sidewalk shops with homemade baked

goods, jams, jellies, stuffed toys, and Christmas decorations. A "Thieves Market" will offer jewelry, china, fancy gifts, aprons, and other gift items. Church guilds, young people's groups, and others will operate booths and concessions ranging from a surprise gift booth to a cake walk. During the afternoon a coffee shop and hot-dog stand (Le French Poodle) will cater to the hungry. Candy apples, cold drinks also will be available.

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Future Activities On the Roster

ALPHA ALPHA OMEGA signed to help acquaint leadership in the clubs with the processes involved in successfully pursuing their projects.

Registration will be held from 9 to 9:25 a.m. Meeting will be called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Mrs. A. E. Glad of Venice, president of Marina District 18, and Mrs. Frank A. Barta, Los Angeles, president of the Inglewood Woman's Club, serving as hostesses.

PHI EPSILON ANNIVERSARY The Founder's Day dinner, honoring the 63rd anniversary of Mu Phi Epsilon, International Music Sorority, will be held at the Huntington Hotel, Pasadena, on Nov. 12. Members from collegiate and alumnae chapters in Beverly Hills, Fullerton, Pasadena, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, and Palos Verdes Peninsula will be present. Patrons and guests are being cordially invited to attend.

Those arriving early may enjoy the exhibit of member's art pieces before adjourning to the Wentworth Room for a 6:30 dinner. James K. Guthrie, conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Youth Concerts and chairman of the California Arts Commission, will speak on the "Vital Role of Music Today and Tomorrow." The musical program will be provided by three outstanding Mu Phi performers.

South Bay Chamber Music Society Reception Opens Season

A champagne reception on Oct. 2 at the Roessler House in Palos Verdes Estates heralded the fourth season of the South Bay Chamber Music Society. The stately Spanish home, now a landmark on the peninsula, was offered by owners Mr. and Mrs. Peter Prince as the setting for the gala invitational fete and concert honoring patron, sponsor, and guarantor members of the society.

Highlighting the event was a performance by the Nova Trio, 1966 winners of the Vera Barstow Award in the exacting Coleman Audition, for the ensemble with the greatest chamber music potential.

Hostesses for the afternoon reception were Mrs. Maurice Bisharat, Nev Gokcen, Henry Alpert, Henry Low, Hans Peter Liepman, and Leonard Urban.

The South Bay Chamber Music Society is devoted to bringing outstanding music to the South Bay area. In keeping with this aim, the Society will present four concerts this season: The Orchestra Michelangelo di Firenze, November 25; the Juilliard String Quartet, January 28; Gabor Rejto and Adolph Baller, March 4; and the Francesco Chamber

Trio, May 27. Concerts are presented at the Redondo Union High School Auditorium in Redondo Beach.

Both contributing memberships and concert tickets are available to the public.

A CARE 'First' - Frozen Meats In Overseas Food Packages

A new food package, the first of its kind ever undertaken by a voluntary non-profit agency for overseas aid, was announced recently by CARE.

Containing a variety of fresh frozen meats, the initial shipment in a pilot project arrived August 1 at Haifa, Israel, on a freighter equipped with a freezer plant and has been stored in freezers set up in Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Together with other shipments now on the high seas and more scheduled later, 15,000 packages will be involved in the test operation, Executive Director Frank L. Goffio reported.

"In planning the pro-

gram," he said, "one of the problems was that needy families receiving the packages may not have home refrigeration. We have arranged a 'freezer bank,' allowing recipients to draw upon the package one item at a time."

Contents of the parcel are 2 1/2 pounds of liver, 2 1/4 of tongue, and 4 1/4 of sliced beef, a total of 9 pounds. These are supplemented by 10 1/2 pounds of non-frozen products including coffee, chocolate, cocoa, soup mix, rice, pineapple and dried fruits.

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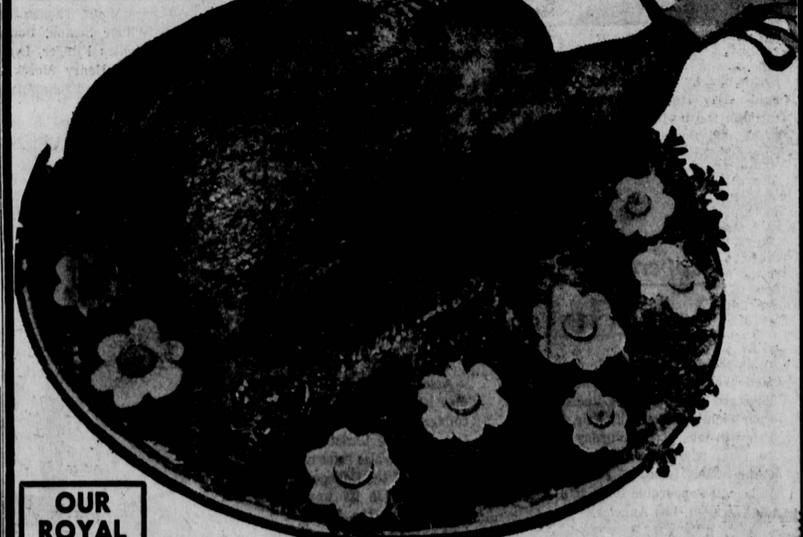
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